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In re Application of:)
DYER, Wallace K.)
Serial No. 09/943,138)
Filed: August 30, 2001)
For: Methods and Compositions for)
Tissue Augmentation)

Art Unit: 1639

Examiner: EPPERSON, Jon D.

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop Amendment
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2003, to which a Response is due October 16, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

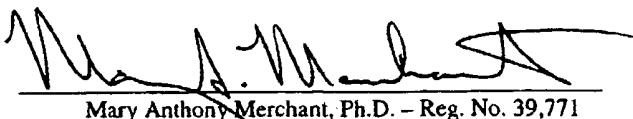
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(Office Action, Paper 8, page 2). Therefore, Freed does not teach Applicant's currently claimed invention, nor does any other art found in the Examiner's search. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

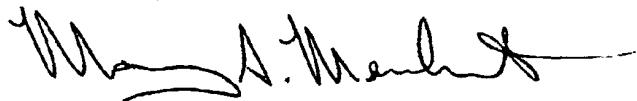
CONCLUSION

The foregoing is a complete response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2003. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 4, 7-11, 13, and 20-29 are patentable. Early and favorable consideration is solicited.

No fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 20-1507.

If Examiner believes there are other issues that can be resolved by a telephone interview, or there are any informalities that remain in the application which may be corrected by the Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at (404) 885-3652 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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